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A W A R D W I N N E R S E. B. White has been named winner of the 1970 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award of the Children's Services Division of the American Library Association. Mr. White, well known to readers of "The New Yorker" for his essays and poems, will be given the Wilder Award for his two children's books, Stuart Little and Charlotte's Web. The Wilder medal, which is given every five years, will be presented to the author at the ALA summer conference in Detroit.

William H. Armstrong, the author of Souder and William Steig, the illustrator and author of Sylvester and the magic pebble are the respective winners of the John Newbery Medal and the Randolph J. Caldecott Medal awarded by the Children's Services Division of ALA for the most distinguished books for children published in the U.S. in 1969. The presentation of the medals will take place at the Newbery-Caldecott Awards dinner, June 30, 1970 in Detroit during the ALA conference.

L I B R A R Y S E R V I C E T O S T A T E I N S T I T U T I O N S will be examined in a workshop at the State Library on February 24, 1970. Participating will be representatives from the staffs of the institutions and the Department of Institutions, public librarians serving state institutions, and members of the State Library staff. A survey of present services, and an estimation of future needs including budgetary requirements for the next biennium will be included on the agenda.

1 9 7 0 G O A L S F O R N A T I O N A L L I B R A R Y W E E K were adopted by the State Committee at its organizational meeting in December. The following statement sets forth the goals:

In keeping with the Montana Library Association's stated object "To promote library interest and development and raise standards of library service in Montana: the committee will concentrate its efforts for 1970 toward

- Interpretation and gaining public acceptance for the new public library standards adopted by the Montana State Library Commission
- Continuing the development of a climate for adequate financial support for libraries
- Stimulating an awareness of the benefits of shared use of library resources through a variety of cooperative practices between libraries

P R E S I D E N T L E T I T I A J O H N S O N called a meeting of the Montana Library Association Executive Board in January in Missoula. Primary business of the Board was program planning for the MLA conference in Great Falls in May. The theme of the conference this year is CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE.

A N E W L I B R A R Y B U I L D I N G F O R E U R E K A has been completed and the Eureka Branch Library has moved into its new quarters. Community organizations gave much valuable assistance in making the move, and Inez Herrig, Coordinator of the Northwest Federation, announced that when the outside painting and landscaping is finished a dedication ceremony will be held. This is the eleventh project in Montana under Title II of the Library Services and Construction Act.

UNCERTAINTY REGARDING LSCA FUNDING continues with the Presidential veto of the 1970 HEW Appropriations Act. The veto was sustained in the House of Representatives and now a whole new bill must be written by the House Appropriations Committee and brought to the floor for a vote. The Appropriations Committee is re-studying all the amounts in the HEW bill to see where substantial cuts can be made and early House action is anticipated.

1970 SUMMER READING MATERIALS created by Ezra Jack Keats, one of the most popular children's book artists, are now available. Brochures with order forms may be obtained from: Summer Reading, Children's Book Council, Inc., 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10010.

HARRIETT MELOY, Acting Librarian, Montana Historical Society Library, has been appointed to the Board of Education for an eight year term by Governor Anderson. Congratulations, Harriett.

RECENT NORTHWEST AND BIGSKY FEDERATION meetings have included a detailed study of the new Montana Public Library Standards presented by David Hoffman, Deputy State Librarian. At an earlier meeting of the Sagebrush Federation the Standards were examined and the Pathfinder Federation plans a meeting in the near future with Mr. Hoffman to discuss the standards.

MONTANIANA: With the Indian and the buffalo in Montana, 1870-1878 by E.J. McClernand. Arthur H. Clark Co. \$21.00. A narrative by Brigadier General McClernand that includes an account of the Sioux Expedition of 1876 and the resume of the remnant of Custer's command at the Little Big Horn. Also contains the "Journal of Marches under Colonel John Gibbon, April 1 to September 29, 1876". Montana an illustrated history by Myrtle Mockel. Swallow Press. \$2.50. A small volume history of the state from prehistoric times to the present. Four firsts for a modest hero by Paris Swazy Pfouts. Edited by Harold Axford. Dunham Printing Company, 2502 S.E. Division Street, Portland, Oregon. \$3.00. This manuscript, the property of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Montana, is the autobiography of Pfouts, who was a Vigilante during his brief stay in Virginia City. Interesting stories of man's activities on life's journey by Annie M. Parsons. Carlton Press. \$2.75. 28 stories which include recollections of homesteading in Montana in the 1890's. Pistol. Little. \$4.95. This juvenile is the story of a maturing boy in Montana during the depression years.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 12-18 National Library Week

May 7-9 Montana Library Association Conference, Great Falls